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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Elizabeth A. Dauch and John W. Jacobs  
Assignee: NEC Electronics America, Inc.  
Title: TUNGSTEN PLUG CORROSION PREVENTION  
METHOD USING WATER  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

The following Amendments and Remarks are submitted for entry into the application filed on June 24, 2003, Serial Number 10/602,291. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted prior to the first Office Action on the merits in the above-captioned case. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

**No Amendments to the Specification** are presented in this paper.

**No Amendments to the Drawings** are presented in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.